(b) whether it is also a fact that Bangladeshis increasingly figure in the capital's rising crime graph and it is one of the important factors for growth of slums in Delhi;

(c) if so, whether Delhi Police would identify these illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and deport them; and

(d) by when this task would commence and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There have been instances where a number of Bangladeshi nationals were found to be illegally residing in Delhi. It is, however, difficult to make any exact estimate of such illegal immigrants because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) There have been cases in which some Bangladeshi nationals were found to be involved in crime.

(c) and (d) The detection and deportation of illegal immigrants is a continuing process. During the last three years and upto 22nd July, 2000, Delhi Police detected and deported 689 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

Religion Based Training in Schools at Indo-Nepal Border

375. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late there has been a rise in the number of schools giving religion based training along the Indo-Nepal border;

(b) whether a substantial majority of the above institutions belong to the Minority Community;

(c) whether many of these institutions have received funding from the ISI and are being used for antinational activities; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to regulate their funding and prevent them from acting against the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Some of the Madarsas/Mosques are reported to be in receipt of funds from some Islamic countries.

(d) The receipt of foreign contribution is regulated under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. As per the Act, only associations having definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme can accept foreign contribution and that too after obtaining registration or prior permission from the Central Government. The acceptance of foreign contribution without obtaining registration or prior permission is a violation of the Act. The Act provides for action against the associations not covered under the Act, which includes prohibiting the associations from accepting the foreign contribution, freezing their bank account and prosecuting them in a court of Law. Misuse of funds for other purposes and objectives also constitutes violation of the Act and the defaulting associations are liable to action.

Proposal for merger of Seraikela and Kharsuan with Orissa

376. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the merger of Seraikela and Kharsuan with Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suggestions for Amendments made by the Police Reforms Committee

377. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the suggestions for amendments made by the Police Reforms Committee;

(b) the changes in Cr. P.C. proposed and accepted by Government; and

(c) the other reforms proposed to reduce the pressure on the courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Committee to suggest structural changes in the Police to meet the challenges India would face in the new millennium is yet to submit its report to the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.